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Hurd & Houghton, New York, have published in their Globe edition of the works of Charles Dickens, *Christmas Stories, Pictures from Italy and American Notes*. These are in

a single volume, the illustrations of which are two beautiful designs by Darley, a portrait of Mr. Dickens, and an engraved view of his residence at Gadd's Hill. (Received by Short & Loring.)

D. Appleton & Co., of New York, send us another of the popular historical romances of Madame Muhlbach. It is entitled *The Empress Josephine*, and derives its chief interest from the details it furnishes of the romantic early life of the gentle-hearted empress. It is very handsomely printed and illustrated. (Re-

Loring, of Boston, has had the good taste to reprint in neat pamphlets, sold for fifteen cents each, the series of exquisite little stories by Miss Thackeray in which she has caught up some of the dear old fairy tales which charmed our childhood, and weaving their quaint fancies like a thread of magic gold into the common web of our modern daily life, has made them seem all the more tender and beautiful by the contrast. Every one who is not so utterly grown up as to have parted with

the last vestige of childhood's simple and poetic beliefs should read these stories. (Received by Chisholm & Brother.)

Dick & Fitzgerald, of New York, have published *Sir Bernard Gaston; or, The Secret of Moultrie Hall*, by J. F. Smith, author of *Lady Ashleigh*, &c. (Received by Short & Loring.)

From Dick & Fitzgerald we have also *Frost's Original Letter-Writer*, a manual of models and directions for the use of such as need them in the whole matter of epistolary correspondence. (Received by Fassenden.)

**Varieties.**

—It is said that an increased taxation is one of the things which will certainly be agitated in the next British Parliament.

—Addresses from all parts of Austria are poured into the national assembly, in favor of abolishing the Roman Concordat.

—While President Lincoln's child lay dead at the White House a western office seeker

persistently sought an interview with him in order to procure a place about to be vacated by resignation. The President reminded the applicant of his domestic calamity, saying that the time for such business as his was unseasonable. "Well," said the fellow,—"how soon does the funeral come off?"

—An old affidavit made by George Peabody in 1814, has been hunted up at Newburyport, in which the now princely millionaire swore that he only possessed \$300 worth of taxable property.

—The Cleveland Herald says that the road by which Weston entered that city looks as though an army had passed over it. "Buggies minus a wheel or a shaft, pieces of harness, hats and caps are strewn along the road in endless confusion. It is estimated that the damage to buggies alone would amount to \$1000."

—S. W. Hayne, who is footing it across the Continent, does not walk on a wager, but for sight seeing and healthy exercise. He is *not* a gambler.

—The Paris correspondents of the London papers continue to allude to Napoleon's present unpopularity with the Parisian masses. The French newspapers are not allowed to notice sundry things which illustrate this state of public feeling. Work is slack and bread is dear in Paris, and the work people think it is

—By official returns it appears that St. Louis had over a thousand deaths from choleraic diseases between the 1st of August and the 1st of November. Of these four hundred and eighty two were from Asiatic cholera, and all occurred during five weeks, from the middle of September till the latter part of October.

—The poor law medical officer in the "Isle of Dogs," a poor quarter of London, reports that there are hundreds of poor people dying quietly, by inches, in that quarter, for lack of

—Marshal Nill is said to have instructed General de Failly, on his departure with the French troops for Rome, to take the first opportunity to try the Chassepot rifle on living bodies! and in obedience to this command of his superior, Failly is supposed to have put 2,500 Frenchmen into the battle of Mentone, and contributed largely to the utter rout of the Garibaldians. A careful examination of the three hun-

dred wagon loads of poor wounded Italians who were carried from the field of slaughter, would no doubt furnish the Marshal and the General with the most satisfactory information respecting the effectiveness of the Chassepot and of the particulars in which its wounds differ from those made by other rifles.

—Pauline Canissa, who will be remembered by the musical people of this city, has recently made a great success in opera at the Stadt Theatre, Hamburg. The Hamburg papers endorse the opinions of the American press con-

cerning her, and add that she is an artist in every sense of the word. She opened as *Rosina* in "The Barber of Seville," in which she was excellent, her execution being full of brilliancy and spirit. In the singing lesson she introduced the "Venezian Waltz," and on an *encore* the bolero from "Sicilian Vespers." She was called before the curtain after each act. The Hamburg press predicts for her a cordial reception all over Germany.

—Wilkes never lost his presence of mind.

but was always full of resources. When he was apprehended by one of the King's messengers, the warrant included Churchill, the poet, who entered the room just as Wilkes was captured. "Thompson, my dear fellow," cried Wilkes, as if overjoyed to see him, "they have seized me, and the warrant includes Churchill. You are not likely to see Churchill yourself, but if you meet any of his friends, beg them to warn him to get out of the way." Churchill took the hint; and, after a few observations about Mrs. Thompson, he left the

room, and took care to be off pretty quickly when he was clear of the house.

—"Representations of Minorities," Photographs of children.

—A servant girl in charge of the building in which is the Bank of Liverpool recently found an iron instrument headed like a spear. It occurred to her imaginative intellect that it would serve as an excellent poker. In putting it to that use, however, the head of the instrument, which was filled with detonating powder "went off," which conduct was im-

—There are two black men in Georgetown, D. C., each worth \$50,000. One is a teamster and the other keeps a feed store.

—A Chinese almanac is a most extraordinary publication. The days for ploughing, building, travelling, and marrying are laid down in it with the greatest minuteness. The whole period of four seasons is divided into twenty-four solar terms, each possessing some characteristic name, and corresponding to the days on which the sun enters the first of six

teenth degrees of one of the twelve signs of the zodiac. As the Chinese is a lunar calendar, the places of these solstices, equinoxes, &c., which regulate the three great festivals of the year, are changed every year. There is also the intercalation of the arrears of the Chinese year of 354 days, which in a period of thirty-two or thirty-three months amount to a great month of thirty days, which is introduced, every two or three years, in such a way as to preserve the order of these twenty-two signs.

—The steamer "Ocean Belle" was coming down the Mississippi river, with a deckload of pig lead. As she was coming near a shallow place, the pilot gave the signal for the man forward to "throw the lead!" It happened that the only man forward was a green Irishman. "Why don't you throw the lead?" "Is it the lead you want to throw, your honor?" And faith, where will I be throwing it?" "Overboard, you scoundrel!" Pat took up a pig of lead and threw it overboard; the mate,

—An honest Dutchman who does not take the papers, arrived at Richmond the other day, from the Wilderness, and attempted to pass a twenty dollar Confederate note, not

knowing, it is said, that the war was over.











